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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-2

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Mike Harris	Councilor Peter N. Ives
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A RESOLUTION

PROMOTING THE PRESERVATION AND CARE OF THE COLLEGE OF SANTA FE ART COLLECTION BY PROMOTING AN ACTIVE LOAN PROGRAM TO ENSURE PUBLIC ACCESS TO AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES WITH SAID COLLECTION.

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2009, the City of Santa Fe purchased from the College of Santa Fe land, buildings, and personal property located at 1600 St. Michael’s Drive (the “Campus”), including over 1,150 photographs, paintings, ceramics and more, collectively valued at over \$3.8 million; and

WHEREAS, this art collection, which includes items from significant historical periods, produced by notable artists, and/or of local or regional importance, was built throughout the history of the College of Santa Fe through thoughtful acquisition and donation, for the purposes of educational and public benefit; and

WHEREAS, during the period that the Santa Fe University of Art & Design occupied the Campus, the art collection was maintained and made accessible to students and faculty, but

1 following the closure of the University, the art collection has been placed in storage, without public
2 access, for the purposes of security and safety; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the art collection has meaningful educational value and represents an
4 irreplaceable cultural legacy unique to Santa Fe that warrants proper stewardship, safe keeping, and
5 public access the City cannot currently provide; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the responsible care of the art collection requires thoughtful evaluation,
7 coupled with deliberate, timely action; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Santa Fe has a wealth of public and private cultural organizations possessing
9 the knowledge, expertise, and resources to care for and provide access to the art collection, many
10 of which have already reached to express interest and support in its care; and

11 **WHEREAS**, on July 12, 2017, the Governing Body passed Resolution No. 2017-53
12 directing the City Manager to work with the New Mexico Museum of Art to place on loan the
13 contents of the Beaumont Newhall Library, setting a precedent of utilizing long-term loans for the
14 stewardship of College of Santa Fe resources.

15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
16 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that the City Manager is directed to engage representatives of public and
17 private nonprofit cultural organizations in pursuing loans that achieve stewardship of the Beaumont
18 Newhall art collection, with the goal of retaining the items in Santa Fe for educational purposes.

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, in pursuing loans, the integrity of individual sub-
20 collections, including, by way of example and not limitation, the Marion Center Photography
21 collection and the pre-historic pottery collection, will be maintained intact with consideration given
22 to the nature and content of the receiving organization's own collection and educational purpose.

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all loan agreements shall include provisions for the
24 right to recall the loan prior to the termination date.

25 **PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 9th day of January, 2019.

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ALAN M. WEBBER, MAYOR

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